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BSU leader Weems impeached

At a special meeting of the Black Student Union (BSU) on Wednesday, April 21, Alfred Weems III was impeached as president.

Nicole Whitehead, acting president for the meeting, said Weems was impeached on grounds of discrepancies found in the BSU's treasury. BSU Treasurer James Ridley said he had questions as to where the money had gone.

"We are \$440 in the red," Ridley reported.

Whitehead reported that there were other reasons the officers had lost faith in Weems and his leadership abilities. The officers met on April 20 with Roy Hamilton, the BSU advisor, and voted unanimously to impeach Weems.

After the meeting, they drafted a letter to Dean of Students Bill Giddings informing him of the impeachment and "demanding disciplinary action be taken" against Weems. "We will not tolerate or uphold dishonesty in our organization," the letter read.

The list of accusations are made up of some of the following: at a Black Student

Leadership Conference, held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin last semester, Weems supposedly purchased a hotel room for himself using BSU funds. In December of 1992, Weems supposedly purchased sweatshirts, totalling \$640 for BSU without the officers authorization. There was money paid out to a DJ for a dance that never happened. Ticket receipts for the Pre-Kwanza celebration have not been accounted for. The Canteen has not been paid for a pizza party in March that Weems supposedly billed BSU for. Finally, on April 16 Weems supposedly billed the BSU for the printing of his flyers for his Student Government presidential campaign.

"Alfred has mishandled receipts, misused funds and abused his presidential powers," Whitehead commented. Although she added that "this is business, not personal."

After Whitehead finished her accusations, Tiana Hynes was recognized by the chair. Hynes, a member of BSU, questioned the officers about why these meetings have been kept quiet and secret.

"I was not contacted about these emer-

gencies meetings," she commented. She also questioned the actions of the officers by saying that none of them had ever really done their jobs. "If you all had done your jobs, none of this would have ever happened." She added that not all the officers were supportive during functions of the BSU.

Next, Weems was given the floor to speak. He said he was in the process of contacting an attorney to find out his rights. Weems also said he was "the last to know" of the impeachment.

He questioned the impeachment due to the fact there are only two to three weeks left before the semester ended. "You are all trying to make a statement," Weems commented.

Weems went on to discuss accusations

against him. Regarding the hotelroom accusation, Weems claims the money came out of his own pocket. The three other rooms for BSU came out of the treasury. As for the sweatshirt allegation, BSU could not order the sweatshirts without putting half the money down. No receipt had yet been given.

Weems said he did not endorse the check, the treasurer did. Weems talked of his discussions with BSU Treasurer James Ridley about making clearer financial reports for the BSU. The reports of past were unacceptable.

Weems said that on April 21, financial reports for July 1992 through March 1993

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How many more miles?



Student Government members, from left, Carrie Moran, Amy Young and Karen Young stop to talk with a mother and her children during the recent March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon sponsored by Student Government.

Drunk driver kills PUC community member

by Bill Vargo
Staff Writer

Tragedy struck PUC and the family of Kathleen Rucinski Sunday, April 18.

Rucinski, a fall 1992 elementary education graduate, was killed and her daughter, Elizabeth, seriously injured in a head-on collision in Dallas Pike, W.Va.

Pennsylvania State Police were responding to an emergency call regarding a car travelling in the wrong direction on Interstate 70.

The suspect's car was travelling eastward in the westbound lanes on Interstate 70, just three miles from the West Virginia-Pennsylvania border.

Rucinski, a mother of three and a switch board operator, was travelling home from the East Coast approximately 1 a.m. eastern time when her automobile was hit head-on by a drunk driver. Elizabeth was taken by helicopter to a nearby hospital.

The officer, in an attempt to head off disaster, was trying to overtake a tractor-

trailer rig in the westbound lanes when the accident occurred.

The suspect, a Pittsburgh resident, was hospitalized with moderate injuries. On April 20 he was charged with driving under the influence and vehicular homicide.

Rucinski had been very involved in the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, in addition to working at PUC, raising three children and going to school.

Rucinski is survived by her twin daughters, Lynn and Elizabeth and one son, Danny. Elizabeth, the other passenger in the Rucinski automobile came through surgery after the accident. She broke both thigh bones in the accident and pins were put in the bones for support.

"I am shocked," said Millicent Bryant, Kathy's friend and co-worker for the past two years and a senior here at PUC. The day I found out I was waiting to talk to Kathy at work. I just couldn't believe it;

I was angry. I just thought Kathy was worth more than a few beers and a night out on the town. She was one of my best friends."

"She was wonderful, she was thoughtful," Bryant continued. "She knew I was a dieter, so on my birthday she brought in fat free cake. She was just so thoughtful and selfless. I just wasn't expecting anything when I came into work that day. That was

just how Kathy was, she was always thinking about what she could do for other people."

"I've known Kathy since she was just out of high school, about seventeen years," Shelly LaPeer, her supervisor, said. "She was just a really nice person. I never heard anything but nice things about her from callers."

Professor leaves legacy of cheerfulness behind

by Daniel Yovich

John A. Mohamed moved people in his life the same way a portrait by Renoire or Cezanne affects the serious art collector.

Mohamed, a PUC assistant professor of creative arts for 22 years, died of cancer last Thursday. Born in Michigan City and residing in Merrillville, Mohamed was 69.

Due to retire in May, Mohamed will be named professor emeritus posthumously.

Michael Moore, dean of PUC's School

of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said Mohamed cared deeply about his students. "John Mohamed was highly regarded throughout Northwest Indiana as a dedicated art educator," he said. "His passion for teaching and his compassion for students seeking to develop their hidden talents was limitless," he said.

Mohamed taught classes at PUC in design, drawing, painting, art for elementary teachers and printmaking. He also taught art appreciation and arts and crafts for

elementary and secondary teachers.

The founder of D'Cameo Art Gallery in Merrillville, he was committed to lecturing and providing community seminars, workshops, demonstrations and programs on the arts.

William Robinson, director of PUC's Communication and Creative Arts Department, said Mohamed left his mark on the program. "He was the most gentle and generous of colleagues and he leaves a legacy of cheerfulness that we cherish."



John A. Mohamed

in brief

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Black Magic musical appearing on campus

"Black Magic," a musical which celebrates black history from a mystical perspective, will be performed at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 30 in Alumni Hall.

The performance will be performed by Crossroads Performing Arts of Minneapolis. An audience discussion is scheduled after the program.

Admission is free.

The program is sponsored by PUC's members of the Indiana Coalition of Blacks in Higher Education and funded by the Purdue Calumet Minority Agenda Committee/Cultural Awareness Advisory Committee.

Additional information may be obtained by phoning ext. 2779 or toll free, (800)228-0799, ext. 2779. Illinois residents may call (708) 862-5690, ext. 2799.

Canadian field trip slide show presentation set

A videotape and slide presentation, previewing PUC's annual summer field trip to the Canadian wilderness, will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 29 in G-103.

The presentation is intended for anyone considering taking the trip. It will be narrated by PUC's Professor of Biology and Head of the Department of Biology Terence Dougherty, who serves as a field trip instructor.

The trip, scheduled August 2 through August 15 and offered by the Voyageur Wilderness Programme, Atikoan, Ontario, will take travelers to the most primitive area of Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario.

The trip is open to anyone interested in natural preservation and can be taken for college credit.

For more information call the PUC Institute for Continuing Education at ext. 2507 or the Department of Biology at ext. 2402.

All invited to participate in international festival

Groups, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the fourth annual International Festival to be held at PUC on Saturday, May 1.

Participants are sought to dance, sing, display exhibits, sell food and sell arts and crafts representing foreign countries, religions or people.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Gideon Falk at ext. 2603 or toll free, (800)228-0799. Illinois callers may dial (708)862-5690, ext. 2603.

Free health assessment exams held on May 5

Some appointments remain available for free basic health assessment exams on Wednesday, May 5.

Participants should allow four hours for the exam.

Appointments are being taken by the PUC Department of Nursing at ext. 3814, between 8 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. weekdays, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The exams include a health maintenance

history, blood pressure reading and hearing and visual screening. Hemoglobin, urinalysis, glucose and cholesterol tests will also be available.

Registered nurses enrolled in PUC's baccalaureate degree nursing program will administer the exams.

Criminal Justice Club to hold mock trial today

The Criminal Justice Club will be conducting a mock trial Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Come judge the system for yourself!

Student art work on display through May 5

More than 70 works of art by PUC students are on display in the University's Bicentennial Art Gallery through May 5.

The works, all done by students enrolled in art and design courses are various subjects done in pencil, charcoal, pastel and watercolor.

PUC Bicentennial Art Gallery, located on the second floor of the SFLC-building, is open to the public free from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Get your act together for Purdue Star Search '93

All groups, soloists, dancers, comedians and others interested in participating in Purdue Star Search '93 at the annual faculty and staff picnic June 4 should contact Cynthia Comer in room O-356 by April 30.

The theme for this year's Springfest is Country and Western. However, Purdue Star Search contestants do not have to base their performance on the theme.

Times/PUC silent, verbal auction set for May 16

The 1993 Times/PUC auction will be held Sunday, May 16 at noon in the PER-building.

The auction will feature celebrity auctioneers from the sporting world and from the local political scene.

Also being featured is a door prize to be given away after the auction: four prime tickets to the September 18 Notre Dame/Purdue football game in West Lafayette including VIP parking passes.

The day will begin with a silent auction from noon to 2 p.m. followed by a verbal auction which will include the celebrity auctioneers.

Some of the items being auctioned include vacation trips, major appliances, tickets to sporting events and much more.

Tickets to the auction sell for \$5 and are available at the PUC athletic department. For tickets or more information, call 989-2540 or 989-2290.

All proceeds from the auction will go to the PUC athletic scholarship fund.

PC ADMINISTRATION Update

Converting to a 4.0 grading scale

The end of a tradition comes this summer when the Purdue system converts to a more conventional 4.0 grading system scale from the current 6.0 index.

That means that for grade point determination purposes beginning this summer, an "A" will equate to 4.0; a "B", 3.0; a "C", 2.0; a "D", 1.0; and an "F", 0.0. Currently, "A" to "F" grades in the Purdue system range from 6.0 to 2.0.

Prompting this conversion was a 1991 resolution passed by the Purdue Senate, which desired a simplification of grade comparisons between Purdue students and those at other institutions.

Purdue is one of the last institutions nationally to depart from the 6.0 scale. That, of course, begs the question: 'Why has Purdue continued to use the 6.0 grading index?' The answer has historical significance relative to previous Purdue grading systems.

For instance, from 1942 to 1953, grades were issued on a 6-5-4-3-2-1-F basis, with grades 2, 1 and F representing failure of varying conditions or circumstances. Since 1953, when the current A-B-C-D-F letter grade system was initiated, the 6.0 scale was retained to link the past with the present-thereby maintaining a standard of excellence at 6.0.

Beginning this summer, the grade scale change will be indicated on transcripts and other student records. Past grades, however, will not be converted to the new scale. That means students attending any Purdue campus prior to the summer of '93 essentially

will have a split transcript. Transcripts will include explanations to help clarify the index change.

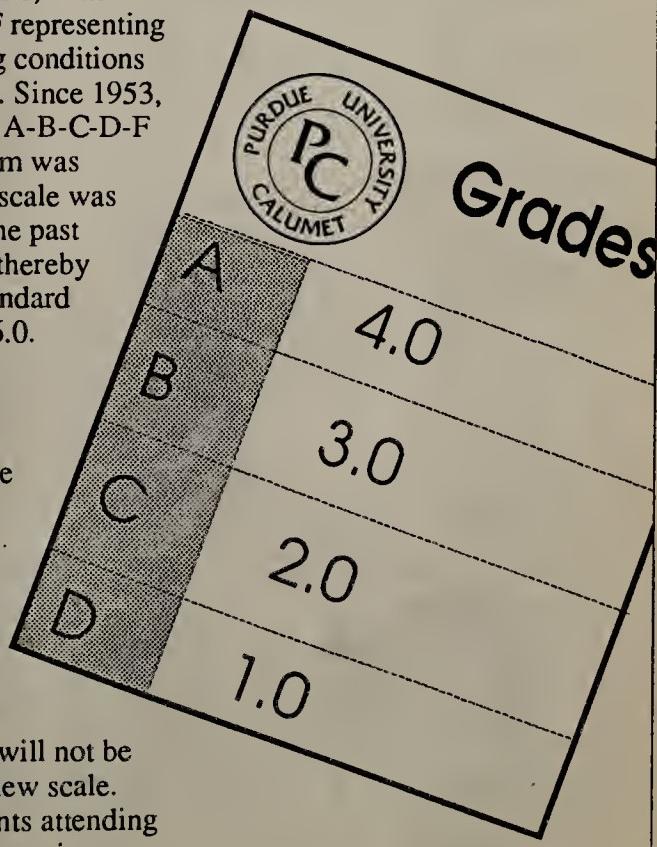
3 summer sessions!

For Purdue Calumet students, the new grading scale will be implemented for all three of this year's summer modules. That's right: three opportunities to enroll in courses.

The modules begin May 24, June 21 and July 19. Courses scheduled to begin at the start of each of the first two modules are either eight weeks long, or, in some cases, a more concentrated four weeks. All courses scheduled to begin July 19 will continue through Aug. 13.

Check the Summer/Fall Schedule of Classes for more specific information.

Remember! Early summer registration can be accomplished May 4-5, and May 11-13 for all three modules. Fall semester registration ends at 4 p.m., Friday (4/30) and resumes July 6. □



Adult learners show it's never too late for education

by Marcia Jaron
Staff Contributor

For an older student, returning to school after many years can be exciting and, at the same time, somewhat intimidating. Mingled with the anticipation of new discoveries are fears that must be overcome: Will learning be difficult after all this time? Will everyone be younger than I am? How will I balance the demands of a full-time job (or family) with my studies?

Cindy Leighty, a forty-something PUC communication major, dealt with any initial misgivings by enrolling in a sociology class where she hoped she could "just blend in and listen."

"Once I got there," she recalls, "I found I was older than the teacher." The following semester Leighty took a communication class. That class, she says, "got me right into working with groups and talking in front of a class. That really broke me in."

Now, five semesters later, Leighty is on her way to a Bachelor's degree. Asked what got her started, she says: "It was something I always wanted to do. I was approaching 40 and my needs were changing — the empty nest syndrome. I could see it was time for me to do something more with myself."

A turning point in life was also what

prompted Georgia Stare, 58, to begin taking courses at PUC. Stare was adjusting to living alone after her husband died three years ago. Although uncertain as to exactly what she wished to do, she knew she wanted to keep her mind active.

The Admissions Office referred Stare to Lois Gamble, coordinator of Academic Advising for the Adult Learner. Gamble serves as advisor to some 180 "adult learners" (technically, those over 23) each year, recommending courses and offering suggestions on how to succeed in college. According to Gamble, the program provides a non-threatening way of assisting older students with decisions on whether or not to seek degrees and courses in which to enroll.

Following Gamble's advice, Stare signed up for a Positive Mental Attitude class.

"At first I was kind of intimidated... I was 58 and the rest of the students, I think, were in their teens or 20s," she says. "It was a challenge to see if I could do it." Partly because of her enjoyment of the PMA class, Stare enrolled in a math and computer course this semester.

Although she feels she is not interested in pursuing a degree at this time, Stare said being at Purdue enhances her life and gives her future a balance. "Being here helps me get through another transition," she says.

Based on a six-year comparison of fall enrollment by age, the Registration Office reports that about half of PUC students are classified as "adult learners" each year. For fall 1992, 52% of registered students were in this category; of these, 33.7 percent were between the ages of 24 and 34, while 18.3 percent were over 35.

Yackel shedding new light on teaching approaches

by Kathleen R. Swalek
Staff Contributor

At both the national and international levels, traditional methods of teaching mathematics are giving way to new approaches. PUC elementary education students receive instruction in this manner.

During 1990, Professor Erna Yackel received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation to investigate elementary school students' mathematical learning in the classroom setting.

In her research she works with teachers to develop instructional practice consistent with the reform movement and studies children's mathematical learning in those setting. With this approach, teachers pose tasks to students who work with partners to develop personally meaningful solutions.

The students explain and justify their solution methods to the rest of the class in a whole-class discussion. This approach differs from traditional instruction because students are engaged in developing their own methods and procedures that have been demonstrated by the teacher.

At PUC Professor Yackel uses the same inquiry approach to instructions in her mathematics classes and helps students in mathematics methods courses develop an understanding of the inquiry approach.

"I teach future teachers," said Professor Yackel. "These individuals must be prepared to teach from a forward-looking position, not one that is backward looking, and I provide that type of instruction in my classrooms."

Weems

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appeared on his desk. Weems felt Roy Hamilton had done the reports.

Weems felt that officers had not been pulling their weight. "I wanted to remove the dead weight. I am doing too much damn work!" Weems said he had delegated a lot of his authority, but in the end, had to "pick up the slack".

Regarding the pizza party from the Canteen, he said the pizzas were the compliments of Alfred Weems, III. "I did not bill the BSU. I asked to be billed for it myself."

In the printing of his campaign flyers, Weems said this was based on hear-say. Lee Rockliff, secretary for Student Activities, told Alfred that she could not make the copies without authorization from BSU.

"I've got two witnesses that heard Lee say this," Weems commented. "Nothing was charged to BSU." As for the DJ allegation, Weems said a deposit had to be made in order to get the DJ for the dance.

When it was discovered that the dance was cancelled, it was too late not to make the payment. The DJ required that, since it was a last minute notification, that a full payment be made for his services.

Weems said that all this had been caused by a "lack of communication." He felt that "this group of officers got together to decide my fate."

"Bill Giddings found out about all this a month ago. This is a conspiracy, I feel," he said. Weems also felt this might have been handled internally.

Giddings said that as of April 23, his office had not received any letter from the BSU. "So far, we have not received any letter. No charges have been filed as of yet," he said.

This story was compiled and written by Michelle Matlock and Brian Jessen

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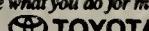


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Letters to the Editor

BSU members speak out on impeachment

■ Unjust, unwarranted allegations against Weems

As an officer of the Black Student Union (BSU), I feel that the allegations made against Alfred Weems III, are unjust and unwarranted.

The meeting I attended on April 21, 1993, presented no solid facts against Alfred, only hearsay. I have served as an executive of many organizations, and I certainly have found that the BSU was for the most part, one man show. Although, Alfred may have a domineering personality, this was not a hindrance to his leadership ability. I noticed many officers were not pulling their weight. If Alfred had not come to rescue on many occasions, functions that were planned

would not have materialized.

Alfred had to step in as president, when people weren't doing their job.

It is for the most part, due to Alfred that the BSU has such an outstanding reputation and been so active. I think things were definitely handled in an unprofessional manner, and as an officer of the BSU, I think it was furthermore unjust that I was not included in the impeachment meeting.

I still think Alfred will make an outstanding president of Student Government. He has definitely weathered the storm

BSU Social & Entertainment Chairperson Charlene Hope

■ Process shows lack of better judgement

The events leading to the impeachment of former BSU President Alfred Weems III shows there was a lack of better judgement exercised in the impeaching process.

This letter is not intended to debate the strength of the allegations against Alfred, but mainly to shun the lack of a more thorough presentations of facts. It must also be stated that this letter is in no way a personal attack against any BSU member. It merely serves as a vehicle by which truth will be told.

A serious charge raised against Alfred is that of misappropriating BSU funds. Although it is true that he had authorization to handle the organization's financial transactions, Alfred Weems was not the treasurer. The blame for this fiasco was not placed entirely where it belonged. And for this reason, discrepancies in the BSU account did not surface until recent times.

AT A RECENT BSU MEETING WHEN THE TREASURER WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON WHY

he had not been fulfilling his job requirements, he stated, "I wasn't given a chance to do my job." And here lies the point that should be made. Even if Alfred did take over the treasurer's position with little regard for the proper owner, the treasurer should have made provisions to maintain accurate information concerning the mercantile account. If it meant initiating meetings with the Business Administrator Linda Baer, then that is what should have been done. That way, as soon as news of discrepancy came about, our treasurer would have been able to act on it immediately rather than waiting until someone else obtained the information.

Despite this saddening situation though, it is imperative to try to see things in a positive light. This experience should serve as a learning device for the BSU as well as other organizations. He will definitely pick up the pieces and go back to work, but first it must be done in decency and in order.

BSU Member Tiana Hynes

Letter to the Editor

Precautions shouldn't be limited to just HIV patients

As faculty of the Department of Nursing, we read with interest the April 7, 1993 *Chronicle* article entitled, "AIDS Patients a Growing Concern for Care Providers." As much as we applaud the willingness of the editorial staff to publish information concerning this significant health issue, we are dismayed by the misinformation provided and misconceptions concerning AIDS patients that were generated.

We agree that Universal Precautions are essential in the prevention of transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and other blood-borne pathogens. However, emphasis needs to be placed on the word universal.... implying precautions must be utilized with all individuals receiving health care, not only patients with HIV. It is inappropriate to limit use of precautions only to HIV positive patients, as health care workers quoted in your article imply.

Per CDC guidelines, neither a patient with HIV infection nor AIDS requires the types of isolation behaviors described by health care workers in your article. Transmission of HIV does not occur with social contact, conversa-

tion or via dishes or silverware. The health care worker quoted as saying that she is "careful not to expose any part of her body" is clearly reacting with a lack of knowledge of HIV transmission and fear.

Gowns, masks and gloves need only be worn when a splash or exposure to blood or blood-contaminated body fluids could occur. As AIDS patients have impaired immunity, they are at risk for development of infections that healthy individuals would normally not develop. It is these infections that cause the patient to require isolation, not the HIV virus itself. HIV itself does not require specific isolation. The isolation behaviors described by health care workers in the article are inhumane, degrading and unnecessary.

Finally, the issue of patient confidentiality must be addressed. As Universal Precautions are being practiced, there is no need to "be fully advised on the patient's status before entering the room." Every patient has the legal and ethical right to privacy.

Assistant Professor of Nursing Debby Kark Associate Professor of Nursing Nancy Korchek

Commentary

Impeachment shows the need for a more defined constitution

by Mike Korba

The impeachment of Black Student Union (BSU) President Alfred Weems III, whether dubious or not, brings to the forefront of discussion the constitutions that many of the student organizations at PUC have.

I have heard both Student Government (SG), BSU and other student organization members complain about their organizations' constitutions. The complaints range from poor job descriptions to the inability, or excessive ease, in which officers can be impeached or replaced.

An organizations' constitution is what controls that organization and its members actions and responsibilities with respect to the organization. If the constitution is not clear, it allows for abuses by individuals or groups within an organization.

This is why a well thought out constitution is necessary for responsible governments of any body. The United States Constitution as well as other countries constitutions are looked upon as sacred by citizens. They are subject to interpretation

to an extent, by the judiciary of that country, but that is usually only for more subjective individual rights cases.

In the case of procedure and the responsibilities of the governing body, the constitutions are straight forward and understandable. They give the citizens a hard and fast group of rules with which to keep an eye on their government.

This, as well as giving governmental members a firm guide on what their duties and responsibilities are, lets the members know what to expect if they drop the ball.

With all this in mind, I would like to encourage the student organizations to review their constitutions. If they feel that it does not fully address the needs of the organization, contact members of the political science department to assist in the developing of a legal and encompassing document.

Hopefully this will keep organizational members from having to defend their actions when right and dismissing their actions when suspect. PEACE

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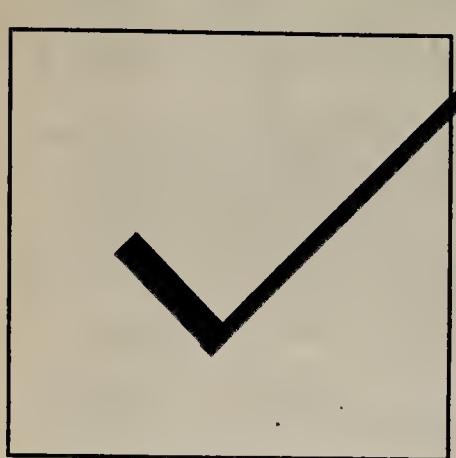
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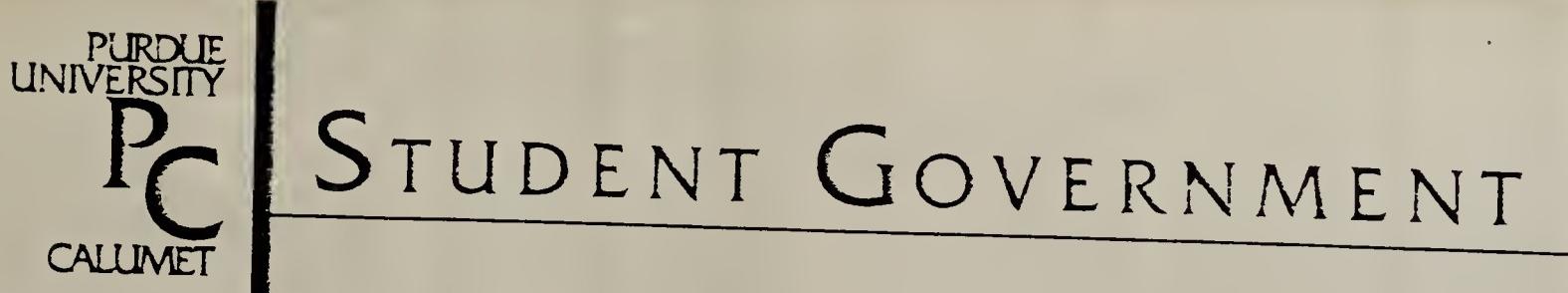
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Student Government Elections

Wednesday & Thursday
April 28 & 29



Voting polls are located in the SFLC-Building Concourse and the North Entrance of the Gyte Building. Polling times for Wednesday & Thursday 10-2 & 4-7. Must be PUC student to vote.

Come and make a difference.
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Resource Center to assist business community

by Donna J. Stephens
Staff Contributor

Interested in working with community businesses and industry through the PUC Resource Center? Faculty and staff may soon get the chance.

For the next few weeks Ted A. Soeka, director of the center, will meet with faculty and staff on a one-to-one basis to ascertain the levels of expertise, interest and availability of faculty and staff.

Those wishing to participate will instruct programs, seminars, workshops, classes or provide consulting services. The time commitment will vary with each program and project. This will also provide faculty and staff with an opportunity to be compensated for their expertise and time.

The PUC Resource Center will focus on three areas as it begins operations. These areas include Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Total Quality Management (TQM) and computer integrated manufacturing.

Under the heading of OSHA, Soeka wants to promote programs to utilize the Nursing department and scaffolding program as well as assist business and industry in

meeting OSHA and Environment Protection Agency (EPA) standards and compliance.

Soeka is looking at the scaffolding program with hopes of expanding the curriculum to make it more module, and to examine alternative training methods. Utilizing modules makes the program appealing to companies wishing to enroll employees.

The next area, TQM, is the largest need for small-to-medium size businesses already employing TQM practices, but the smaller companies need assistance in accessing needs and beginning programs.

The third area, computer integrated manufacturing, emphasizes technical training and programs tailored made for businesses which can be offered through the center.

Although the emphasis is on these three areas, eventually, Soeka hopes to utilize all of the resources available at PUC.

A main task for the center will be to access the needs of local businesses, then compare those needs with resources available on campus. Soeka views himself as a facilitator or catalyst. He is currently put-

ting together information regarding the resources Purdue can provide.

Another task Soeka faces is the planning of a marketing campaign for the center.

Funding for the center is provided by grants and matching donations made through the Indiana Business Modernization and Technology (\$200,000 grant),

NIPSCO (\$10,000) challenge, Hadady Corporation, Gough, Lesch and Associates, and Alexander and Associates.

Total funding for the center is \$355,000. "The goal is for the center to be self-supporting within five years," said Gary Edwards, director of development.

Engineering, nursing grads among leaders in job placement

by Kathleen R. Swalek
Staff Contributor

Not surprisingly, engineering, engineering technology and nursing graduates from PUC secure the largest number of jobs and the highest yearly income of all PUC graduates.

Surveys were sent to all May 1992 graduates six months after graduation. Two hundred forty-one students graduated May 1992; 82 percent responded to the survey. The Office of Career Development and Placement collects the surveys and tallies data.

The surveys show that 53 percent of graduates in the engineering and engineering technology fields secured jobs and 30 percent of graduates in the nursing field secured jobs. This compares with 4 percent securing jobs in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics combined.

Sixteen percent of graduates secured jobs in the behavioral sciences, which in-

cludes restaurant, hotel and institutional management.

Twenty-six percent of graduates in English and philosophy, foreign languages and literatures, history and political science and communication fields captured jobs. Education students finding employment equalled 16 percent.

Information systems and computer programming graduates securing jobs totaled 12 percent and management graduates securing jobs totaled 13 percent.

The same trends apply to yearly income. 1992 engineering and engineering technology graduates who responded to the survey earn \$35,000 and \$28,000 respectively on average per year. Nursing graduates earn \$30,000 on average per year. Science majors followed with an annual income of \$27,000.

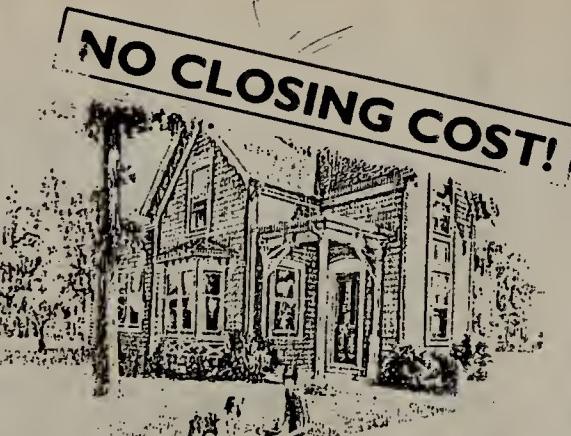
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Laserdisc revolutionizing the picture screen

by Chris Hawkins
Staff Contributor

More than a decade ago, the compact discs (CD) revolutionized the way we listen to music. Now, as a result of the CD's popularity, the world of video is experiencing a similar revolution, bringing home viewers sharper pictures, crisper sound, and a host of special features that no serious film fan should be without.

The breakthrough comes in the form of twelve inch laserdisks and is already setting the world of video on its ear.

The video laserdisc is hardly a new innovation. In fact, it predates consumer VCRs. It failed to catch on because of its inability to record and its relative expense. However, the advent of the compact disc, and the discovery of digital sound have helped make this versatile medium one of

the most sought after ways to enjoy video. The laserdisc offers nearly 75% more resolution than the standard VHS picture can provide. The clearer picture is complimented by CD quality sound, enhancing the viewing experience by recreating the rich, full sound of the movie theatre.

Additionally, the enhanced picture that the laserdisc provides allows nearly all films available for the medium to be viewed in "letterbox" format. This format shows the film in its original widescreen form, with black bars filling the empty spaces at the top and bottom of the screen. Traditional video images show only the center of the film's frame, cutting off nearly half of the original picture.

This newer format allows the film to be viewed in its original form, as the director

intended it to be seen.

Coupled with a large screen TV, the laserdisc player allows the home viewer to come closer to recreating the feel of the theater in his or her own living room.

However, format and picture quality are not all the laserdisc has to offer.

Many films released on laserdisc carry supplementary materials, such as added footage, outtakes, and interviews with cast and crew.

Some discs also feature a separate audio track on which the director can provide running commentary while the film is being viewed. All of these features add up to a dream come true for film buffs and casual viewers alike.

The main drawback in buying video on laserdisc is cost. The players themselves

start at around \$350, with high-end machines running upwards of \$800. Also, the average cost of a new film on disc is around \$40, at least \$15 more than the average video tape release.

Laserdisks are well worth the cost, though. With proper care, a laserdisc will last indefinitely and suffer no loss in sound or picture quality.

This is a vast improvement over magnetic videotape which can stretch, degrade and even break apart after a few years of use.

For the casual home video viewer, the laserdisc format may not be a worthwhile choice. However, for anyone who wants high-quality video and sound that will maintain its clarity for years to come, there is no alternative.

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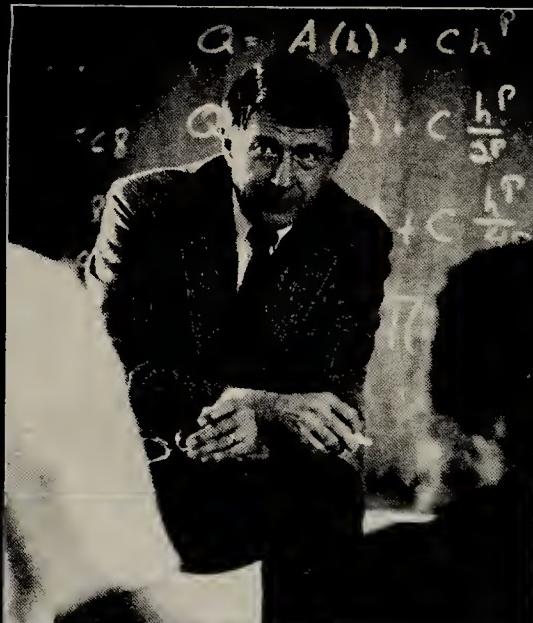
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New sport on campus hopes to spark interest

by Ryan Viers
Staff Contributor

What is new on the campus of PUC? Women's softball.

In its first year, the club sport hopes to have a competitive year, and if the interest is still there it could become a varsity sport and compete in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) in year or two.

"I think it is nice that Purdue Calumet is expanding their athletic program. I think it will spark the interest of other students and incoming students," said Lady Lakers' Jenifer Crowley.

Ed Ortiz, head coach, said it should enhance the school and add to the athletic department. The softball team plays its games at the FOP on Kennedy Ave. and

Six Lakers honored for outstanding contributions

Six PUC men's basketball players were honored for outstanding contributions to the team at its annual post-season banquet this week.

Senior Angelo Mantis won two of the team's awards: Most Valuable Player and Best Free Throw Shooter. The six-foot-three guard led the Lakers this season in scoring (19.4 points per game), and free throw shooting (.847). He was named to the all-conference team and the all-district 21 team, and was named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) player of the week in February.

Other awards went to: Senior Rob Dorsey who won the Best Mental Attitude award.

Dorsey finished second on the team in rebounding.

Freshman Dan Penn grabbed the Best Newcomer award. Penn averaged 12.5 points per game and team-leading 2.9 assists and 1.9 steals per game earned him the CCAC Freshman of the Year award.

Freshman Jonathon Toth captured the Most Improved award. Toth lead the CCAC in rebounding (9.9) and was the number two rebounder in the district (8.3).

Sophomore Chris Adzia netted the Pride, Hustle and Desire award. Adzia was the third best three-point shooter in the district at 43 percent.

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According to Ortiz, being a new sport has had its problems, such as buying equipment, scheduling games and having practice.

Ortiz said the girls wanted to look professional and had to buy a lot of their own equipment.

The team's schedule should be difficult because of the teams scheduled have established softball as a sport. Lady Lakers' Stacy Milch said, "All the teams we play are varsity teams except for Purdue Lafayette, so we should have some good competition."

Purdue is its second year as a sport.

Ortiz said that when it becomes a varsity sport it would be easier to schedule games and will be treated more professionally by other schools.

According to Ortiz, this is a ballclub loaded with talent stating that most of the girls had four or five years of playing ball. "There is plenty of talent, it is just a matter of getting it on field at one time," said Ortiz. "Once we get some team chemistry then this will be a good defensive club."

Next year could be very successful according to player Buffy Adams, "I think the outlook is very optimistic and next year if it is a varsity sport Purdue Cal will be known."

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